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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIBAYASHI, Toru, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3743**

Serial No.: **10/500,141**

Examiner: **Shumaya B. ALI**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **June 30, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: